promiscuous males and prostitutes were screened and out of them 764 were found to be HIV sero-positives including 29 full blown AIDS cases comprising of 18 Indian and 11 foreigners.

(b) Out of 764 HIV sero-positive individuals detected upto 31st January, 1989, 68 were blood donors and 9 were pregnant women. The majority of HIV sero-positive individuals belonged to two high risk groups namely—promiscuous males (197) and promiscuous women (310).

(c) The Indian Council of Medical Research has been entrusted with the responsibility for organising surveillance for HIV infection. In addition, the Council is also pursuing research on virus isolation.

(d) In order to prevent the spread of AIDS in India, the Government have planned the following activities:—

Surveillance for detecting HIV infection;

Testing of blood used for transfusion and ensuring safety of blood products;

Establishment of clinics for health check up and counselling in metropolitan cities;

Strengthening of STD Clinics in Medical Colleges/District Hospitals;

Development of medicare facilities for treatment of AIDS patients in identified major hospitals;

Training of medical/para-medical personnel in case management;

Intensification of health education activities as under:—

Health education to increase awareness among general public;

Health education in schools and colleges; and

Education and counselling of high risk groups as well as persons with HIV infection.

Retrenched and surplus Central Government Employees

1405. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Central Government Employees have either been retrenched or found surplus, in different departments since 1984 till date in all categories; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

National Investment Bank

1406. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been reported that a number of vital economic issues such as to set up a National Investment Bank in place of the Planning Commission as recommended by Ratan Tata Committee has been deferred; and

(b) if so, what are the other economic issues that have been deferred and what are the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Suggestion for setting up of a National Investment Bank is under examination.

(b) The question as worded is too general for a precise answer.

Inadequate functioning of Cobalt units

1407. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several noted Radiotherapy experts have drawn

Government's attention to the inadequate functioning of about 40 Cobalt units meant for the treatment of the Cancer patients, which were locally Fabricated and supplied by the Indian subsidiary of the American Company, 'General Electric,' and if so, what are the details of Government plans to replace these defective units; and

(b) what is the action contemplated by Government against the suppliers of the defective Cobalt units and Government officials, who had recommended to buy them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) There are about 40 locally manufactured Cobalt Units installed in various radio-therapy departments in the country. At the time these units were manufactured they have been tried and tested by Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) authorities before installation.

After a long use, it was found that they had some limitations in functioning, marginally effecting the treatment only in some patients. Most of these machines are likely to be condemned during the next five years.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Third Report of the Committee of Parliament appointed to report on the structure of pay, allowances, leave and pensionary benefits for the officers and staff of Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha Secretariats

SECRETARY GENERAL: Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Third Report of the Committee of Parliament appointed to report on the structure of pay, allowances, leave and pensionary benefits for the officers and staff of the Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha Secretariats regarding Amenities, Facilities, Special Allowances and other general matters.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-7440/89]

I. Report and Accounts (1987-88) of the Grih Kalyan Kendra, New Delhi and related papers.

II. Notifications of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel and Training).

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Grih Kalyan Kendra, New Delhi, for the year 1987-88, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Kendra.

(iii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at (i) above.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-7508/89 for (i) to (iii)]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel and Training) under sub-section (2) of section 3 of the All India Services Act, 1951:—

(i) G.S.R. No. 999, dated the 31st December, 1988 publishing the Indian Police Service (Fixation of Cadre Strength) Ninth Amendment Regulations, 1988.

(ii) G.S.R. No 1000, dated the 31st December, 1988, publishing the Indian Police Service (Pay) Ninth Amendment Rules, 1988.

(iii) G.S.R. No. 1001, dated the 31st December, 1988, publishing the